

3 ARTILLERY AERIAL OBSERVATION SCHOOL

MISSION

LINEAGE

3 Artillery Aerial Observation School

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

OPERATIONS

Observers, mainly artillery officers were trained at the 3d Artillery Aerial Observation School at Mailly during the winter of 1917-1918 without any formal record being sent to the Training Section at American Expeditionary Forces headquarters. The candidates, selected from the artillery brigades stationed there, were trained by a French observation squadron. It had been planned to continue primary observation training at Mailly in the same way it was done at

Coetquidan. This intention was altered to comply with the Training Section's attitude, which described the method of conducting this school as a "matter of temporary expedience" and "not a normal procedure." Plans were drafted to provide for the location of American Air Service units at Maily to cooperate with the artillery in reglage practice and to give advanced training to observers in long distance artillery work and reconnaissance. An aviation detachment consisting of 3 officers and 149 men was on duty there in April, but because Maily was evacuated during the German advance in the spring of 1918, the new training project never reached completion.

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